

# Yonder comes a courteous knight

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Thomas Ravenscroft (c.1582-c.1635)

**G G G Dm A Dm Dm**

Yon - der comes a cour - teous Knight, Lus - te-ly ra - king

**C Am E G G D Am**

o - uer the lay, He was well ware of a bon - ny

**G C G C F G D**

lass, As she came wan - dring o - uer the way,

**G D C Am Em D**

Then she sang downe a downe hey downe der - ry downe,

G D C D G

Then she sang downe a downe, hey downe der - ry.

2. Ioue you speed fayre Lady, he said,  
among the leaues that be so greene:  
If I were a king and wore a Crowne,  
full soone faire Lady shouldst thou be a queen.  
Then she sang, &c.

5. When she came to her fathers hall,  
it was well walled round about:  
She rode in at the wicket gate,  
and shut the foure ear'd foole without.  
Then she sang, &c.

3. Also Ioue saue you faire Lady;  
among the Roses that be so red:  
If I haue not my will of you,  
full soone faire Lady shall I be dead.  
Then she sang. &c.

6. You had me (quoth she) abroad in the field,  
among the corne amidst the hay:  
Where you might had your will of mee,  
for, in good faith sir, I neuer said nay.  
Then she sang, &c.

4. If you will carry me gentle sir,  
a mayde vnto my fathers hall:  
Then you shall haue your will of me,  
vnder purple and vnder paule.  
Then she sang, &c.

7. He pulled out his nut-browne sword,  
and wipt the rust off with his sleeue:  
And said; Ioues curse come to his heart,  
that any woman would beleuee.  
Then she sang, &c.

8. When you haue your owne true loue,  
a mile or twaine out of the towne,  
Spare not for her gay clothing,  
but lay her body flat on the ground.  
Then she sang, &c.